(a) whether the District Magistrate has suggested the appointment of an additional Magistrate for Kanayannur ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for such recommendation ;

(c) if the suggestion has been made, the orders passed thereon ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) To reduce the congestion of work in the Principal Court.

(c) Government ordered that new and urgent cases might be transferred to the Additional Sub-Magistrate, Cochin, so that the Kanayannur Magistrate can concentrate his attention on the old cases.

Investing District Registrars with Magisterial powers.

377. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any recommendation has been made to the Government to invest the District Registrars of Mulanthuruthy, Vellarappilly and Narakkal with Magisterial powers;

(b) the reasons for such suggestion ;

(c) the orders passed thereon ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Proposal was made to invest the District Registrars of Mulanthuruthy and Vellarappilly with Magisterial powers.

(b) To relieve the congestion of work in the Kanayannur Magistrate's Court.

(c) Government ordered that the proposal cannot be accepted.

Rates of tender deductions in earth works.

378. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is not a fact that in earth works the prevailing tender deductions are 40 per cent and more;

(b) whether these deductions are not due to the present economic condition ;

(c) whether these deductions will be lessened as the economic condition is restored ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes, in some cases.

(b) The present economic condition has contributed to the high deductions.

(c) It is impossible to offer a definite opinion on the matter.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is this not the fit time to take up original works comprising earth work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Funds permitting, yes.

An article in the Cochinite.

379. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the Editorial and the article "The Acting Diwan" by 'The Cochinite' appearing on page 4 of the Mahathi dated 18th February 1933;

(2) if so, have the Government enquired into the veracity of the statements contained therein?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Government have perused the article.

(2) The article is more an expression of opinion than an assemblage of statements. It did not call for any verification at the hands of Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is not the editorial of papers generally considered as expressing the opinion of the public?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are the editors fools?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Sanction of T. A. rates to Councillors in Chittur.

380. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Municipality of Chittur had prayed for sanction of T. A. to the Councillors at the rate sanctioned for the Chairman;

(2) if so, what was the reply to the prayer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) No.

(2) Does not arise.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the Members of the Municipal Council the same status as the Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Obviously not.

Sanction for remission of house-tax—Chittur Municipality.

381. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) had the Chittur Municipality requested the Government for sanction for the remission of house-tax;

(2) if so, what was the reply of the Government;

(3) what were the reasons assigned by the Municipality for the remission;

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